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1. FRENCH HAVE RAISED QUESTION OF CHICKEN WAR RETALIATION IN WASHINGTON. MALMGREN SAID WHAT WE CAN DO DEPENDS ON HOW FORTHCOMING AND HELPFUL FRENCH ARE IN XXIV:6. WE MIGHT BE WILLING TO CONSIDER A COMMITMENT NOW TO RENEGOTIATE OUTSIDE XXIV:6 THE OLD RETALIATION IN EXCHANGE FOR SOMETHING IN A SEPARATE, SELF-CONTAINED PACKAGE, ALTHOUGH WHETHER THIS WOULD INVOLVE POULTRY IS AN OPEN QUESTION. WE MIGHT EVEN BE WILLING TO MAKE A PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR COGNAC BREAK POINT NOW AS A FIRST STEP, WITHOUT QUID PRO QUO NOW, IF FRENCH POSITION POSITIVE ENOUGH IN XXIV:6 SETTLEMENT. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE TOTAL TRADE VALUE OF OLD RETALIATION PACKAGE HAS GROWN FROM 26 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1963 TO FOLLOWING AMOUNTS IN 1973: BRANDY OVER NINE DOLLARS PER GALLON, 23.5 MILLION DOLLARS; CERTAIN TRUCKS VALUED AT 1000 DOLLARS OR MORE, 61.4 MILLION DOLLARS, (1972, WAS 118 MILLION DOLLARS, BOTH YEAR'S FIGURES FOR TRUCKS ARE 99 PERCENT JAPANESE IMPORTS); POTATO STARCH 3.3 MILLION DOLS;
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AND DEXTRINE 4.1 MILLION DOLLARS. KISSINGER

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